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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.51, 1.56 and 1.97-1.99, Applicant identifies the art set forth on PTO Form 1449 as references in connection with this case.

Kish, et al, U.S. Patent 5,957,567, discloses a flashlight which utilizes multiple coil springs, one on each end of the batteries which power the light bulb.

Matthews et al., U.S. Patent 6,046,572, likewise discloses a patent which utilizes a pair of coil springs on opposite ends of the batteries.

Maglica, U.S. Patent 6,428,182, discloses a flashlight having a switch housing between the battery compartment and the

reflector. A pair of coil springs are provided on opposite ends of the switch housing.

Maglica, U.S. Patent 6,170,960, discloses a typical flashlight arrangement including a single coil spring adjacent to the batteries and which utilizes the battery housing to complete an electrical connection.

Matthews, U.S. Patent 6,386,730 discloses a flashlight which provides a single coil spring between the battery and the light bulb.

Osterhout et al., U.S. Patent 4,876,632, provides a flashlight with a battery life indicator module. This flashlight utilizes a coil spring 30 between the battery and the LED bulb.

Sommers et al., U.S. Patent 6,485,160, discloses a flashlight which appears to connect batteries directly to a printed circuit board 28. No spring of any kind appears to be disclosed.

Fox, U.S. Patent 5,630,661, discloses a flashlight which utilizes multiple coil spring connectors 35 to make an electrical connection.

Krietzman, U.S. Patent 5,909,062, discloses a flashlight which utilizes a single coil spring on one end of the battery.

Wener, U.S. Patent 6,366,028, provides a flashlight which includes a contact plate 26 which is disposed near the battery 22 and comes into contact with one terminal of the battery 122 when the ferrule 14 is rotated in one direction within the housing 12.

Sharrah et al., U.S. Patent 5,871,272; Lebens et al., U.S. Patent 6,095,661; and Chabria, U.S. Patent 5,660,458 disclose

various other flashlight designs and are believed to be of only general interest.

It is submitted that none of the above references teach or suggest Applicants' invention as set forth in Applicants' claims. It is respectfully submitted that the present application is in a proper form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested at an early date.

Applicants or their patent attorney may have been exposed to or considered art relating to the general class of the subject invention. However, if in fact such exposure or consideration has occurred, to the best of their recollection and judgment, none of such art is prior art which is believed to be material to this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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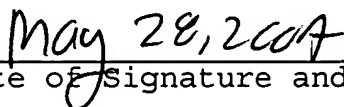
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